



# Standards & Assessment UPDATE

California Department of Education  
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## Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program

### STAR Program Apportionment

At the January 10, 2008, State Board of Education (SBE) meeting, the SBE approved the following apportionment amounts for STAR testing for the 2007-08 school year:

- \$0.38 for completing demographic information for each student not tested with the California Standards Tests (CSTs) and the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6 Survey); the California Modified Assessment (CMA); the Standards-based Tests in Spanish (STS); or the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA).
- \$2.52 per student for completing demographic information and administering the CST–CAT/6 Survey, the CMA–CAT/6 Survey, or a combination thereof.
- \$5.00 per student for completing demographic information and administering the CAPA.
- \$2.52 per student for completing demographic information and administering the STS.
- \$2.44 per student for completing demographic information and administering the designated primary language test, Aprenda 3.

The apportionment rates for administering the CST–CAT/6 Survey, CAPA, and Aprenda 3 are unchanged from 2006-07.

The CMA will be administered for the first time in 2007-08. The apportionment rate for administering the CMA is the same rate as the CSTs since both standards-based tests are administered similarly. Students will take the *CMA in all subject areas; the CST in all subject areas; or a combination of the CST and the CMA in the subject areas being assessed. For those students taking a combination of the CST and the CMA, only a single \$2.52 will be apportioned per student.*

For additional information on the STAR Program apportionment, please refer to the California Board of Education January 2008 Agenda Web document at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr08/documents/jan08item37.doc>.

### Pre-Test Workshop Training for 2008 Test Administration

Educational Testing Service (ETS) and Harcourt Assessment, Inc. (Harcourt) will be conducting pretest workshops for districts and county STAR coordinators during January and February throughout the state. The purpose of the workshops is to prepare STAR coordinators to train all STAR test site (school) coordinators.

For additional information on the STAR Pre-Test Workshops, contact the Standardized Testing and

Reporting Unit, Standards and Assessment Division, at 916-445-8765, or by e-mail at [star@cde.ca.gov](mailto:star@cde.ca.gov).

### **No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) Peer Review**

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is conducting a peer review under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of each state's assessment and accountability system.

California has submitted evidence of compliance three separate times, with the most recent peer review submission in October 2007. The October 2007 submission included performance level descriptors (PLDs) for the California Standards Tests and the California High School Exit Examination as well as additional information regarding the General Mathematics Test. The

California Department of Education (CDE) is currently anticipating the results from the third peer review submission from October 2007 and expects to receive approval of the PLDs.

For additional information on the peer review, please refer to the California State Board of Education January 2008 Agenda Web document at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr08/documents/jan08item41.doc>.

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